A true rehersall

of the Honorable & Tryūphant Victory: which the defenders of the Trueth haue had againste the tyranical and blodthirsty heape of ỹ Albanists.

¶ which came to passe without the worthye Cyttie of Harlam in Holland. the xxv. daye of Marche. 1573.

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Of such things as are come to passe at the siege of Harlam in Holland: the xxv. daye of Marche. 1573.

ALthoughe all thynges (welbeloued and christian Reader) whiche by the grace of God, are come to passe win the renowmed Citie of Harlam in Holand, are worthye, not by peeces, but from the beginning vnto the end to bee rehearsed, and set before the eyes of all men: that the wonderful and worthy works of God therby may bee knowen, and his name for euer magnified & praised. Notwithstandynge, (I thought it good) before the whole Discourse and rehearsall of all

these thyngs (peraduenture) shal bee geuen vnto all Nations and people to bee red, heere worthy to noate (& that with trueth,) vnto all such as are louers of the same, a notable worke of God, and such a deede of the moste highest, that euen with our eyes, we maye see and perceiue that which he worthely hath brought to passe, the. xvb. Daye of Marche. 1573. by them of the same Citie.

For, when as that worthy and before named Cytie, had now ben besieged of the Spanish and Albanishe power more then three Monethes, and in great distresse: howbeit, the ennemyes hauynge their head twise mightely bruised and their worthyest and stoutest ouldeSouldyers, yea & manlyest Captaynes weare losse; so that their weakenesse and feare sufferd them

fred them not any more to geue any assault: Besides that, shame and neede forced them styll to abyde: For shame, they durste not go away, because that thus long they had alwayes prospered very well: and beynge nowe come to this Cytie, whiche was the simplest and weakest in all Holland, and at the firste, worste of all prouyded: eyther of Armour, Souldyers, or Victayle, amongste the rest, that was to be founde: And therfore, not able (as it weare) to to doo any thyng. And for that cause, (as they supposed) should it be counted vnto them, an euerlastynge ignomynie and shame, with a perpetuall Dishonour.

And for neede, they durste not departe, (for feare) leaste by the waye, they should be mette with at home, meanynge therfore w a

contynual Siege, and pryuie pra-
ctises and treason: lyke as before
they had recouered other Cyties
again, ment in lyke case to catch
this within their Clawes also.
But at the last, when they of the
Cyttie began to be greeued ther-
with, and were certain, that God
dyd manifestly vnderstande their
cause, and that he was the onely
Defender of the same, (as hee is
in deede, to all innocentes which
wholly put their truste in him:)
thei haue often and diuers times
gone about with sundrie assaultes
and Skyrmyshes, for to trappe
(not onely theirs but also Gods
Enemies,) in the same pittes,
which for their Destructiō, theyr
Enemies, had redye dygged and
prouyded. And although, that
they neuer haue attempted any
thynge, but that they haue ther-
by gotten both Honour & prayse:
yet

yet neuertheleſſe, when God ſaw their great pryde & intollerable Tirrannie and crueltie: and to be ſhorte, at all the wronges whyche they had vſed day by day, began at length to begreued, with the vngodly behauiour of theſe Blood-hounds ſo that their Houreglaſſe at laſt is runne out and ended:

For then, the good and mercyfull Lorde hath delyuered them into the handes of his people, to be taken in ỹ ſame ſnares which they had prepared for the other.

For, they of the Cyttie aboute ten of the Clocke before Noone, with a ſmal company were gone out of the Cytie to ſkirmiſh with the .xvi. Enſignes of Dutchmen, and the .xv. Enſigns of Wallons, whyche did lye before in the wood at the South ende of the Cytie, from the whyche place, they had purpoſed from that tyme forth

to batter the Cyttie with shotte.

And thus, they beynge without in the forenoone, brought speciallie nothynge to passe: but marchynge vp and downe a certayne space, and when they saw their tyme to retyre, entred into the Cyttie agayne.

When the Ennemie sawe this, and supposynge it too bee good, and all daunger to bee passe, and all thynges ended for that daye: (after a whyle) gaue hym selfe to reste, and sette his heart on softe grounde. Then (in the meane tyme,) our men makynge themselues cheereful and courageous, and hauynge respecte vnto their tyme and purpose, (and chiefelye) vnto their iust quarrell: So that of Wallones, Dutchmen, Frenchmen, & Englishmen: about. xv. or a. x. hundreth men, aboute two of the Cloche in the after noone, yssued

yssued oute of the Cyttie agayne, and without any stoppe or feare, and without any noyse makyng, ranne strayght vnto their Trenches. The Enemie, seynge that he was taken vnawares, and his Enemies vnlookte for, soo sayntly fallen vppon hym, at the first defended hymselfe very lytle: And at laste seynge hym selfe inclosed and ouerrunne, by and by sought meanes, whiche waye best for to escape. Our men (to the contrarye,) with burnynge and vnspeakeable boldenesse, fell vppon them, and so raysed them oute of their Nestes and chased them, that they ranne thorowe and thorowe the wood, hither and thyther: that of all the Dutchemen, whiche (in deede) best kept their standynge, but fewe escaped: And of the Wallones whych first tooke the flight, there are

some runne awaye, some slayne with shotte, and some drowned: being al vereft of their Weapons: and as the moste parte say, about two thousand men were slayne. And it is sayd also, of one Monsieur de Lickes, Generall of the Wallons, with other Captaynes should there be slaine also at that present. This beyng done, they haue ouertourned their Tentes and Trenches, and set them on fyre, pursuynge them to the laste man: And then returnyng with great Tryumph & Joye, brought with them into the Cyttie, fyue Brasen Peeces, with other Munytion: as Headpeeces, Harnesse, Pikes, Daggers, Swordes and Rapiers, with vittayle and Money, which was sent frō DALBA, to pay them: and also great store and much abūdance of Apparell.

For

for at their retyrynge to the Citie was heard. viii. of their Dromes cherefully soundyng, with tenne ensignes displaying, bryngyng with them great spoyles of Money, Jewelles and Armour, and all kynde of thynges, wherwith euery one being loden: with great ioye, came all clustryng into the Citie. When the Cytizyns, with all them that feared the Lord, sawe how that they had obtayned the victorie, and had put their foes to flight, with one consent gaue harty thankes and praises vnto God, that so mercifullye of his goodnesse, had brought the same to passe. This also, hath moued me and reioysed my hart and mynde, that I (euen of gladnesse) coulde not leaue, but participate this vnto the gentle Reader and so make manyfest and set before the eyes of all such as from their hartes doe hate the intollerable

yoke of bondage and Spanysh tyrannie: and with body and goods seeke to withstande them. The Lorde open the eyes of them that are yet remayning, that they may acknowledge their vniuste dealyngs and return from their euil and turne vnto the lyuyng God, against whom (euen as Giants) they haue waged battel: that they with vs and all faithfull People maye liue in peace and vnitie from this time forthe for euermore: thewyche God, defende vs, and all sorowfull and sighinge harts. Amen.

¶ Written in haste to all the faithfull through loue. From Delft the 27 day of Marche. 1573.

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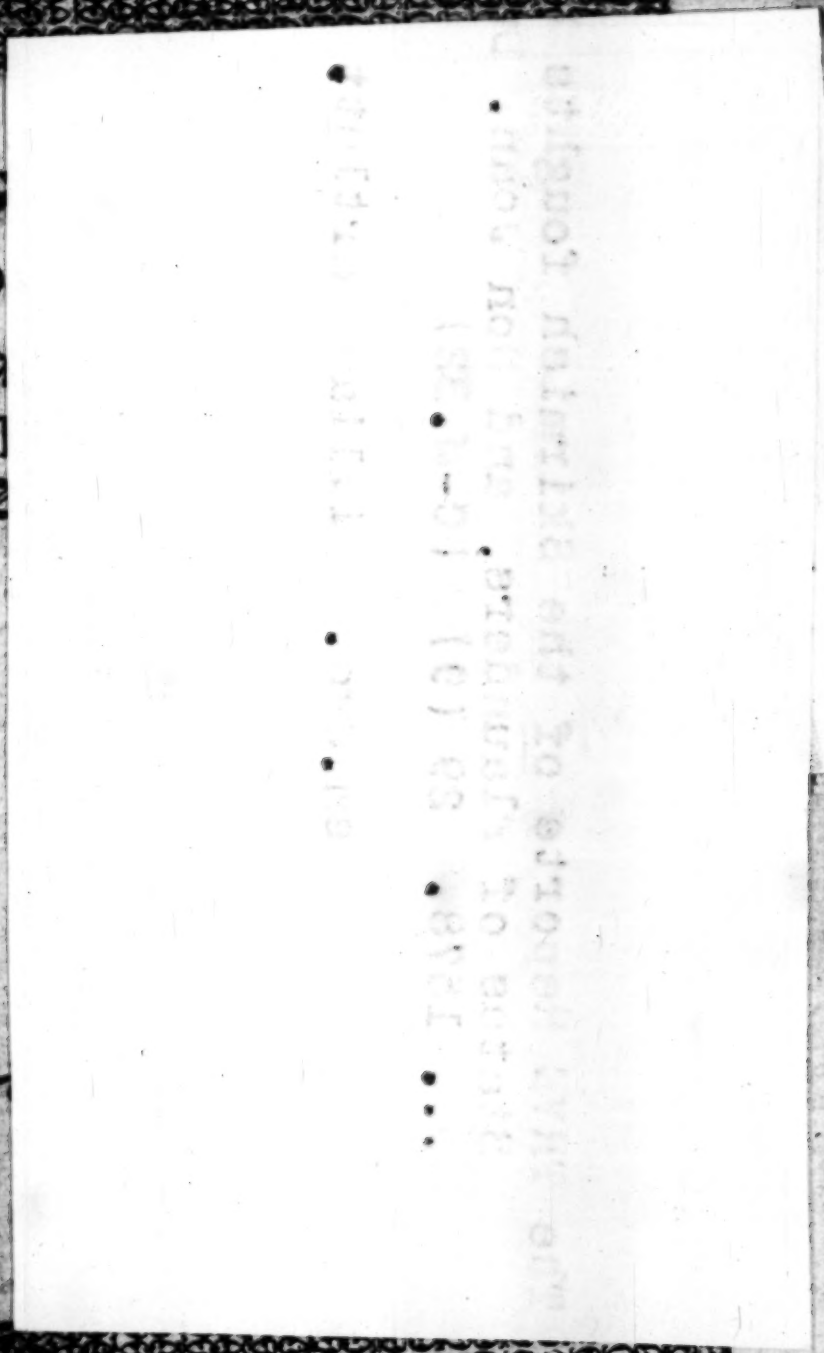

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